

- 1 SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take
- 2 effect from and after its publication in the Burlington Hawkeye-
- 3 Gazette, a newspaper published in Burlington, Iowa, and in the Keokuk
- 4 Gate City, a newspaper published in Keokuk, Iowa.

Approved March 7, 1945.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Burlington Hawkeye-Gazette, Burlington, Iowa, March 13, 1945, and the Keokuk Gate City, Keokuk, Iowa, March 13, 1945.

WAYNE M. ROPES, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 257

MUSCATINE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

H. J. R. 4

A JOINT RESOLUTION to provide that a survey be made of Drainage District No. 13 in Muscatine county with the purpose of abandoning said district and converting the area into a wildlife refuge.

WHEREAS, Drainage District No. 13 in Muscatine County as established requires the use of pumping stations to properly control the water level so that the land may be farmed, and

WHEREAS, this method of drainage as applied to this submarginal land is expensive and far from satisfactory and it would be better to abandon this futile attempt to effectively drain this land, for the State of Iowa has, since 1923, spent \$61,595.10 by appropriation to aid this district, as follows:

APPROPRIATION	Muscatine County
50th G. A.....	\$1,418.88
49th G. A.....	1,144.77
48th G. A.....	452.59
47th G. A.....	2,583.13
46th G. A.....	1,319.47
45th G. A.....	1,907.78
44th G. A.....	5,424.02
43rd G. A.....	4,708.53
42nd G. A.....	2,197.22
41st G. A.....	1,718.06
40th G. A.....	38,720.65 (1923)

\$61,595.10, and

there is now pending in this Legislature a bill to appropriate \$6,038.62 additional to this district, said bill being House File No. 178 and Senate File No. 58, and

WHEREAS, it would have been better from a standpoint of economy and as a move to conserve natural resources to have spent this money to establish a wildlife refuge in this area, now therefore

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 SECTION 1. The State Conservation Commission and the Committee
- 2 on Retrenchment and Reform are empowered and directed to make a

3 survey of Drainage District No. 13 in Muscatine County to ascertain
 4 the cost of acquiring the land of said district by purchase, gift, con-
 5 demnation or otherwise for the use by the people of the state as a
 6 wildlife refuge.

1 SEC. 2. The State Conservation Commission on recommendation
 2 of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform may secure options
 3 of purchase on said land, may accept gifts, and shall make appraisals
 4 of said land and shall report to the 52nd General Assembly, upon the
 5 convening thereof, an estimate of the total cost to the state of acquir-
 6 ing title to the land in said district.

Approved April 3, 1945.

CHAPTER 258

CENTENNIAL OF STATEHOOD

H. J. R. 7

A JOINT RESOLUTION extending the time for celebrating the Iowa Centennial and making an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa was admitted to the Union December 28, 1846, and

WHEREAS, the year 1946 will mark the centennial of that event, and

WHEREAS, it is proper and highly desirable that the occasion be properly observed and celebrated, and

WHEREAS, the Fiftieth General Assembly did on April 5, 1943 approve a Senate Joint Resolution providing for such observance and celebration and appropriating funds therefor as shown by Chapter 310, Acts of the Fiftieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said Senate Joint Resolution have not yet been fully carried out; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. That the time for the performance of the said Senate
 2 Joint Resolution be extended to January 1, 1947, and the Governor of
 3 Iowa is authorized to carry out all the provisions set out in said Sen-
 4 ate Joint Resolution of April 5, 1943, not already performed and car-
 5 ried out, and that the appropriation provided for in said Senate Joint
 6 Resolution is hereby made available for that purpose.

7 And further that a report hereof be made to the Fifty-second Gen-
 8 eral Assembly upon its convening in January, 1947.

Approved April 10, 1945.